

# Daily Word



APRIL 1955

# Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ Mind you are unified in thought and purpose and inspired to right action for the good of all mankind.

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ILLUMINATION (11 a.m.): "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee."

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PROSPERITY (12 noon): The substance of my thought is that God gives me all sufficiency in all things, and I am secure in my prosperity.

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HEALING (9 p.m.): I am stirred to action, health, and strength as I listen to the clarion call, "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee."

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## *We Come to Life at Easter*

MARTHA SMOCK

CAN THIS be the tree that stood black and bare against the winter sky, this tree of leaves, this splendid thing! Can this be the same gray, winter world, this world before us now, burgeoning with beauty!

We marvel at the return of spring, and an indescribable feeling of joy lifts our hearts at every sign of winter's end.

But more marvelous still is the renewal that takes place in human minds and hearts and lives, the renewal that does not wait for spring's return, the renewal that waits only on faith.

No transformed tree can compare with a transformed life. No flower of spring, pushing its way up through the snow is half so brave as a heart learning to love again. No green glade where violets grow is so exquisite as the forgiving and forgiven spirit.

We look at our own lives and we wonder, "Can this be I?" We wonder at the ways in which we have grown; we view our lives in the light of understanding; and we see how relentlessly the Spirit in us has carried us forward, sometimes in spite of ourselves. We see that the winters of our

lives did not really ever hold full sway, that always, underneath it all, the renewing, life-giving Spirit of God was at work.

We look at the lives of others; and if we have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand, we see marvelous things. We see the triumph of the Spirit in man over every conceivable kind of limitation. We see the weak become strong; we see the fearful become brave; we see the timid become confident; we see the sick become healthy; we see the poor become rich; we see the unhappy become contented; we see the lonely become part of life again; we see the bitter become mellow; the resentful become understanding; the hateful become kind and good.

How can such transformations be? How can we change from one kind of person to another; how can our lives take on new meaning and new patterns; how can our feet find new paths; how can our hearts find new happiness; how can our minds find new wisdom, new light?

It is because something in us has always been and always will be part of the perfect pattern. We do not always know it as we learn and grow, but there is a Spirit in us that is leading us Godward, Christward. The changes in our lives, in our feelings, in our attitudes that seem so miraculous are possible, because we are becoming our-

selves rather than because we are changing what we essentially are.

Something in every one of us knows, with a knowledge beyond dispute, that we are Spirit, that we are without beginning or end, that we cannot cease to be. We respond to Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die," because we know they are true. The Spirit in us says: "This is true. This is true of you. This is true of all."

Easter has meaning for us, because the resurrecting Spirit is in us. We love the account of the triumphant overcoming of Jesus Christ, because it is our story, too. Here is the ultimate triumph of man; here is the ultimate triumph of life; here is the ultimate triumph of love. Here is the answer to our seeking and questioning; here is the meaning, the purpose of life. Easter reassures us year after year: "Man was not meant to die. You were not meant to die." Though we may grasp the message of Easter only in part, it has its resurrecting effect on our lives.

If you have felt downcast for any reason, if you have felt that you are a failure, if your strength has seemed to ebb, now is the time to declare over and over, "I am the resurrection, and

the life.' " The very atoms and cells of your body will respond to this word; it will be as though light were turned on in the city of self that is you. You will know what Jesus meant when He said, "I am the light of the world." "Ye are the light of the world." No tree in spring will be more green and growing than you; no soft south wind will be warmer than your heart; no world without will declare the renewal of life more perfectly than will your world within!

### AN INVITATION FROM SILENT UNITY

Have you ever needed help greatly but did not know where to turn? We extend to you a most loving invitation to call on Silent Unity.

For the past sixty years Silent Unity has been praying and working with people from every walk of life.

We do not believe that anything is impossible or incurable. We keep faith with all who call upon us, for we believe in the power of God and in the power of prayer, and we know that God never fails.

If you need us, feel free to call upon us at any time. We may be reached day or night by telegraph WUX, Kansas City, Missouri, or telephone at Baltimore 4720, Kansas City, Missouri, or by letter at Silent Unity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

## *Sing a New Song*

MARY L. KUPFERLE

**N**O MATTER what has occurred before, this is a new day, a new hour, a new moment. You can take hold of joy on the wings of prayer and find yourself lifted into lightness, peace, and courage.

You are a child of the living God, meant to express happiness, meant to radiate beauty and serenity as bright and lovely as the rays of the morning sun, meant to embody the music and harmony of the universe. Joy is your gift from God, and it is not dependent on what occurred ten years ago, a month ago, yesterday, or last night.

Joy belongs to you, whether you know it or not. It is yours now, to discover, to use, to exercise, and to bring into expression.

"I will sing a new song today." As you repeat these words quietly, as you speak them aloud, you will find fresh courage rising within you, newness of hope stirring within you.

"I will sing a new song." Tell yourself: "I will let the song burst forth from the innermost part of me. I will let it come forth in a smile. I will let it come forth in tolerance and forgiveness. I will let it come forth in praise for others. I will



sing a new song until my whole being thrills with the joy of life and living.

You can sing your way through this day, and you will find yourself strengthened, not only mentally but physically. This does not mean that you must actually give voice to song—although this is helpful in itself. It does mean that wherever you are, whatever you are doing you can sing a song in your thoughts, in your heart, in your soul.

As you do this, your expression will change; your face will shine; it will radiate beauty and youth; your body will move freely and gracefully; your work will go more smoothly; your life and affairs will be blessed and transformed.

All the natural universe is based on principles of harmony, order, and rhythm. Recently an eminent scientist said that there is actually music in the spheres, that there is music within every single atom. God is harmony; God is rhythm; God is order; God is joy. The earth, the other planets, the sun, the stars move in harmonious, joyful rhythm. When we are filled with joy we are at one with all the universe, and the harmony and rhythm of God fill us and inspire us.

Sometimes we think we cannot get into the swing of things, that we are out of step with success, wholeness, happiness, or peace. At such

times, it is more important than ever that we realize that the gift of joy is innate within us and can be aroused. Paul says, "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee." Stir it up with the words, "I will sing a new song!" You can and you will find a wellspring of joy within you that you never dreamed existed.

You need not wait until some future time to become aware of this inner joy. You need not wait for it to come to you through some person, particular thing, or attainment.

Do not postpone your joy for another moment. Sing a new song of joy today, this hour, this minute. Sing for the joy of the Christ teachings. Sing for the joy of knowing that you are a child of the living God. Sing for the joy of knowing that your loved ones also are children of the living God. Sing for the joy of knowing that you are a spiritual being, immortal, indestructible, changeless, and perfect.

A song of joy is your divine birthright, and a life abundant is your heritage. Declare triumphantly: "I will sing a new song of joy this day. I will sing to the glory of God. I will sing to the upliftment of all mankind."

Sing a new song this day, a song of joy, and your thoughts will sparkle; your presence will be radiant; your life will be like the shining sun.



*The following are excerpts from letters written to DAILY WORD. We in Silent Unity wish to thank all of you, our readers, for the letters you write us, for your words of blessing and appreciation. We wish to thank you, too, for the way in which you live with and use DAILY WORD and for the ways in which you pass it and the Unity teaching along to others. We feel a sense of oneness with you, and we rejoice that the circle of our friends is growing larger day by day.*

*From New York:*

You will find my subscription for DAILY WORD inclosed. I am an old subscriber, coming back to Unity after a lapse of several years.

Although a member of one of the largest church denominations and convinced of the necessity of all its basic teachings, I have noticed a somewhat disappointing lack of available assistance in translating its theoretical content into practical terms.

I've tried a number of "daily thought" publications patterned on the lines of DAILY WORD, but none has proved to be an adequate substitute.

I am happy that the Unity viewpoint is one of working with and among other institutions of the Christian faith. For me, it functions best in just that way, and I plan to use DAILY WORD as an indispensable spiritual aid within the framework of my own faith.

*From British West Indies:*

I should like to tell you that the new friend to whom I sent the subscription for DAILY WORD has said that your little invitation printed in it, which begins thus: "Have you ever needed help greatly but did not know where to turn? We extend to you a most loving invitation to call on Silent Unity," has given her a sense of love and security that no one else in the world has ever extended to her. She says she did not think it possible, that it is like a quiet lamp left in the window by a loving mother for a child in the outer darkness to see and find its way home. Is that not a lovely simile? I feel the same about it. Please continue putting it in your publication, DAILY WORD, as it will always light someone's way home.

*From New Hampshire:*

For a long time I have wanted to write you and tell you how much DAILY WORD has meant to me. After receiving your friendly letter last night, I will try. I know it is quite impossible to express the true depth of my feelings.

Always I have known there was a God. But my feelings were utterly confused, and I could not understand. From the time I was in high school I tried so hard to understand God and feel His closeness, but there were many questions to be answered. Over the span of years I talked with several ministers, but still lacked real understanding.

During a few years after my marriage we had many sorrows. My husband and I lost all the members of our family and relatives with the exception of my sister. Just before our daughter entered school we had a terrible tragedy. My sister, while taking care of our child, was instantly killed and our Betsey badly injured. My heart was broken, yet with my child I had to keep smiling. I just lived from day to day.

About a year after this I made a new friend who gave me DAILY WORD and *Unity*, and this was the answer to all my prayers. I gradually began to have an understanding of all that I had longed to know for so many years. I still have far to go. But there is peace, faith, understanding, and happiness in our home today.

## *A Heart That Sings*

R. H. GRENVILLE

Of all life's good and lovely things  
Most precious is a heart that sings;  
That, like a bird in winter's tree,  
Chirps anthems of expectancy,  
Or in the darkness of the night  
Steadfastly proclaims the light.

God's rare and holy gifts abound;  
His loving-kindness wraps us round,  
But of all gifts that I would praise,  
The peaceful nights, the fruitful days,  
All true and good and lovely things,  
Most precious is a heart that sings.







APRIL 1

*Friday*

I LOOK FOR THE CHRIST IN EVERYONE.

**I** BEHOLD the Christ in everyone.

I acknowledge the Christ as the only presence and power.

I do not judge others by appearances, but I base my appraisal on the truth that the Christ lives within them.

I realize that the Christ is unfolding in each heart in the way that is best. In everything I behold some glorious aspect of His infinite being, and I believe that for every need of the mind, heart, or spirit there is a spiritual answer.

Within the many races I behold the one divine heart that beats for all, and in the different customs and cultures I behold the infinite variety of divine expression.

I look for the Christ in everyone.

I behold the Christ in everyone.

I extend my hand to greet the Christ in all.

I rejoice that the Christ in me is one with the Christ in every man.

\* There is *one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.*—EPH. 4:4, 5, 6.

# Saturday

APRIL 2

TODAY I LOOK TO GOD ONLY FOR SAFETY,  
SECURITY, AND GUIDANCE.

**M**Y SAFETY, and the safety of those I love, rests in God. I cannot then be afraid; I cannot then feel panicky. God is ever with me. Wherever I may be, with Him, I am safe.

Security also rests with God. My life plan may seem insecure, judged by material standards; but as long as my foundation is God, all that I need comes to me. I go about His business, joyously doing the jobs that are mine, and through faith I am fed, clothed, and housed. In fact, when security rests in God an abundance of all good things seems to pour in from every side, and I rejoice in spiritual security and spiritual prosperity.

My guidance is from God alone. Daily I place myself, my affairs, my problems, my desires, my joys, and my blessings in His care. I place myself surely, completely, and wholeheartedly in His care, and I am blessed by Him throughout the day. Rejoicing, I follow His guidance, and I am led to new achievements in Him.

*My help cometh from Jehovah,  
Who made heaven and earth.*

—PSALMS 121:2.

APRIL 3

## Sunday

I HAVE FAITH IN THE GOOD PURPOSES OF GOD  
AT WORK IN ME AND IN MY LIFE.

SOMETIMES we ask ourselves: "Why am I living. Why am I here? What is the meaning and purpose of it all?" Even Jesus said: "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour."

But we can realize, as Jesus did, that even in an hour that seems dark there is some good purpose to be served; there is some underlying cause that, were we able to see it, would give meaning to it all.

If we have been troubled about some experience in our lives, if we have wondered why we have had to meet certain situations or experiences, let us remind ourselves of Jesus' words, "For this cause came I unto this hour." As we think about our lives, we can see in almost every instance some reason why we were drawn into a particular situation or experience. It may have been that we had something to give to the experience in the way of faith and understanding. It may have been that we had something to learn from it. But always the good purposes of God are at work in our lives.

✽ *For this cause came I unto this hour.*—JOHN 12:27.

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# Monday

APRIL 4

I PROVE GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER IN MY  
LIFE NOW, TODAY.

**I**F THERE is a problem in my life that I have been avoiding, I face it today. I pray about it, putting it in God's hands and opening my being to receive the solution through God's unfailing power. No problem is too big or too small for Him to solve. What a life-changing truth this is! Today I give myself freely to His power and joyously expect to see changes brought about in my life.

I let my heart sing God's praises. I show my faith in an unfailingly positive attitude as regards every aspect of my life.

I prove His power to bring love, joy, achievement to me today and forever.

Dear Father-God, I acknowledge your limitless power. Help me to clear the channels in my mind and heart and life, so that I may prove Your power. Help me to bless others through Your Spirit.

✿ *If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do them, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.*—JOHN 10:37, 38.

APRIL 5

## Tuesday

PEACE BE WITHIN THESE WALLS TODAY.

I BLESS my home today with the thought, "Peace be within these walls today." I bless every member of my family. I bless all who enter here today with the thought of peace, with the thought of life, with the thought of supply, with the thought of happiness. I bless all who enter here in the realization that Christ is their perfect peace.

Wherever I go today, whatever house or office or room I enter today, I will silently bless it with the thought, "Peace be within these walls today."

I will bless all the persons I meet today with the silent thought, "Peace be within your heart and mind today." Wherever I am, whatever I am doing, I will radiate a blessing of peace and joy, a blessing of light and love by keeping my mind stayed on God.

"Peace be within these walls today." I say this to myself. I say, "Peace be within this body today, peace be within this mind today; peace be within this heart today."

*Peace be within thy walls,  
And prosperity within thy palaces.*  
—PSALMS 122:7.

# Wednesday

APRIL 6

"PEACE, BE STILL."

"**P**EACE, be still." This is the command of the loving Christ in me to every impatient thought.

"Peace, be still." This is the command of the loving Christ in me to every turbulent emotion.

I listen to the loving Lord of my being. I listen with my mind. I listen with my heart. I listen with my whole being. Every part of me hears the words, "Peace, be still," and every part of me responds.

"Peace, be still." "Be still, and know that I am God." The thoughts of my mind are turned to thoughts of God, to thoughts of good. I know that God is with me; I know that His Spirit is in me and expressing itself through me. I know that I have His love, His power, His intelligence, His life in the midst of me. I know that I have His peace in my heart, His love in my heart, His understanding in my heart.

"Peace, be still." "Be still, and know that I am God."

In the stillness I find renewal.

In the stillness I find the living, loving presence of Christ.

✿ *Peace, be still.*—MARK 4:39.



APRIL 7

*Thursday*

"IN SILENT SOUL COMMUNION" WITH THE  
LORD OF MY BEING I PARTAKE OF HIS LIFE  
AND SUBSTANCE.

**I**N ITS inception Silent Unity agreed to meet "in silent soul communion" with those in trouble, sickness, or poverty.

Today Silent Unity meets with you "in silent soul communion." We meet in prayer; we meet in remembrance of the promises of Jesus. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven."

We know that in a mystical sense there is communion of man with Christ and man with man in the experience of united prayer. In the unity of prayer we partake of the very life and substance of Christ; we feel a oneness with Him; we feel a oneness with all humanity.

• *And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave to them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. And the cup in like manner . . . saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood.—LUKE 22:19, 20.*

## Friday

APRIL 8

CHRIST WITHIN ME IS MY GLORY. THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS PRESENCE WIPES OUT ALL DARKNESS, AND I AM FILLED WITH LIGHT, LIFE, AND PEACE.

GOOD FRIDAY has been traditionally a day of mourning, fasting, and penitence. But on this Good Friday instead of being weighed down with the thought of heaviness, of mourning, of fasting, of penitence, let your soul be lifted by the remembrance of the assurances of Jesus, by the knowledge that the Father's love is infinite and unailing.

What is Jesus' answer to mourning? "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." What is Jesus' answer to fasting? "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." What is Jesus' answer to penitence? "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Today the love and life, the strength and joy of Christ are filling your heart, mind, and body. You are strengthened; you are lifted up.

✿ *If ye loved me, ye would have rejoiced, because I go unto the Father: for the Father is greater than I.*  
—JOHN 14:28.

APRIL 9

*Saturday*

IN QUIETNESS AND IN CONFIDENCE SHALL BE  
MY STRENGTH.

**R**EST; rest in God, for "in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Be quiet; be still. Give yourself to renewal.

Rest; rest in God. Give yourself to God. Relax in Him, letting go of every bit of tenseness in every muscle of the body. Relax in Him, letting your mind be steeped in the quiet realization of God and of His inestimable love surrounding you. Relax in Him, letting your spirit find confident communion with its source.

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." You need not strive for confidence. If you only relax and rest in God, confidence will come. Confidence is the natural state of being of your mind, body, and spirit. Confidence wells up freely and joyously when it is unhampered by tense muscles, a tired mind, or a fettered soul.

As you find renewal in quiet communion with God, confidence and strength will fill your heart, your mind, your body. You will be ready once again to express your faith in action.

✻ *In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.—ISA. 30:15.*

# Sunday

APRIL 10

"I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE."  
I RISE TRIUMPHANT OUT OF EVERY TRIAL.

**A**ND THEY say unto her, Woman why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. When she had thus said, she turned herself back, and beholdeth Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou, whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turneth herself, and saith unto him in Hebrew, Rabboni; which is to say, Teacher. Jesus saith to her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended unto the Father: but go unto my brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and my God and your God. Mary Magdalene cometh and telleth the disciples, I have seen the Lord: and that he had said these things unto her.

✿ When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week . . . Jesus came and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.—JOHN 20: 13-20.

APRIL 11

## Monday

I BLESS ALL CHILDREN IN MY PRAYERS TODAY.

**T**ODAY let us think especially about children—our own children and children everywhere. Because we believe in prayer, because we believe in the goodness of God, because we believe in the power of right thinking to transform lives and affairs, we have much to give to children in the way of spiritual help and guidance. Those children who are close to us, who are in our hearts and homes feel the blessing of our prayers and faith; they are benefited in more ways than we know by our efforts to express true ideas in our everyday living. We are giving our children worth-while and lasting gifts as we, day by day, step by step, think and talk and live in the light of Truth.

If we do not have children in our own homes, still we can bless the children of our friends and dear ones. We can bless children the world over by including them in our prayers, by seeing God's own Spirit in them, by knowing that His Spirit in them is surely and persistently unfolding the perfect pattern in them and through them.

✿ *To such belongeth the kingdom of God.*—LUKE 18:16.

# *Magnolia Tree*

D. J. MANN

Is it a tree? How can it be?  
What tree could work this charm on me?  
For I could look and look all day  
And never take my heart away.  
It is a vision strange and fair;  
It is a music in the air;  
It is a swarm of butterflies  
That in a moment will arise;  
It is ten thousand candles lit,  
Purple and pale and delicate,  
In adoration of the Lord;  
It is the whole of beauty poured  
Out like a miser's squandered hoard.  
Oh, it is more than any tree,  
This passion of fragility!

Only the Lord of living could  
Ever have made this blossoming,  
Only a Lord who understood,  
Only a Lord who loved the spring.



# Tuesday

APRIL 12

I KEEP MY MIND FILLED WITH THOUGHTS OF  
PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY.

**Y**OUR MIND is your own; it is where you live. What enters your mind colors it, so it is well to take inventory to see whether you are holding grudges; whether you are worried and fearful; whether you are unhappy and at odds with those around you. If you have let these negative thoughts dominate your thinking, it is time to take charge of your mind.

Free will is God's gift to you. When He created you He implanted His wonderful Spirit in you. You have the power to rule your own mind.

You are never alone, never without God's support and help. He is with you, giving you the courage, the strength, and the fortitude to direct your thinking into constructive, peaceful channels.

It may take faith, perseverance, and integrity to weed out of your mind the old grudges, the worry, and the fears that have troubled you, or the ill feelings you have had about others; but you will win out if you exercise the control over your mind that God has given you.

✿ *And the peace of God . . . shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.*—PHIL. 4:7.



APRIL 13

## Wednesday

I PRAY IN FAITH, BELIEVING; AND GOD HEARS  
AND ANSWERS MY PRAYERS.

ALL OF us long to do something to help when a member of our family or a close friend has a serious healing need. We sometimes say, "If only I could do something!"

There is always something we can do to help another who is in need. We can always pray!

No one can measure the value and benefit of prayer; it is inestimable. But no one who has sincerely, lovingly, and faithfully prayed for someone else can doubt the efficacy of prayer. He knows the effect of prayer on his own heart and mind; he knows that the one for whom he prays feels the effect of the healing power that prayer engenders.

Let us not stand by helplessly in the face of any condition; let us not wring our hands in despair. Rather, let us stand by in faith; let us lift our hearts and hands in loving prayer.

Prayer brings peace; prayer quickens faith; prayer inspires love. Prayer is the bridge between man and God and man and man.

♣ *The prayer of faith shall save him that is sick.*  
—JAMES 5:15.

# Thursday

APRIL 14

TODAY I WILL TAKE JOY WITH ME WHEREVER  
I GO.

A DEEP, abiding faith in God fills my heart with joy. I take this joy with me wherever I go; I use it in whatever I do; and I express it toward everyone I meet today. I let it radiate through me, never denying or holding it back. I let it color my thoughts, speak through my words, and put the sure touch of confidence into my every action.

Because my joy rests in God, no outer thing can disturb it. No gray day can shadow it. No sharp word or hasty action can mar it. My joy abides serene.

And as I go through the familiar daily routine, I give my joy to all I meet. Joy given is joy doubled. So my joy goes out with a cheery greeting; my joy goes out with a helpful word or act.

Because I am filled with joy, I am calm and sure; I work in harmony, and those about me work in increased harmony.

Today I will take joy with me wherever I go.

*Thou wilt show me the path of life:  
In thy presence is fulness of joy.*

—PSALMS 16:11.

APRIL 15

## Friday

MY FAITH IS IN GOD'S TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

**I**N CLAIMING justice the first thing we must do is to calm our fears and to place our faith in the idea of justice. Justice is never produced by fear or by one person trying to outwit another. Justice is a product of Truth. When we are willing for that which is right and good for all to prevail we are co-operating with the infallible law that produces justice.

Many times we see a situation through our minds only. We do not see broadly enough to determine justice fully, but only from our own viewpoint. But there is a Mind that encompasses all viewpoints. When a person, seeking justice, trusts this Mind, relaxes from anxieties and tensions, and allows this Mind to enlighten him, he sees his part in claiming and establishing justice in his life and affairs.

Justice is for all, for justice is of God. By believing in justice and opening our minds and hearts to it it becomes ours.

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne:*

*Lovingkindness and truth go before thy face.*

—PSALMS 89:14.

# Saturday

APRIL 16

DIVINE LOVE FILLS AND THRILLS AND OVERFLOWS MY BEING THROUGHOUT EVERY MOMENT OF THIS DAY.

**T**ODAY I would immerse my whole being in divine love. I would let no thought that does not pass the test of love find a foothold in my mind. I would, by filling my mind with love, cleanse it of negative thinking, prejudice, and intolerance.

I would let no word that is not backed by love pass my lips. I would examine every action to be sure that it is done in love, for love, and by love.

I would let my soul grow in grace and harmony simply by letting it rest in divine love, by letting it rest in the consciousness of God as love, in the consciousness of life as opportunity for an outpouring of this love.

A day so lived in love is a day of healing, for love makes perfect! A day so lived in love is a day of mental renewal and increasing clarity of thought. It is a day of exciting achievement!

✿ *And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him.*—I JOHN 4:16.

APRIL 17

## Sunday

BEHOLDING THE CHRIST IN OTHERS, I EASILY  
FORGIVE THEM THEIR MISTAKES.

WHEN I strive to see more of the Christ in others I find it easy to forgive them their mistakes and to overlook actions of theirs that might otherwise disturb me. I see each one as God's child; and as I focus my attention upon his Christlike qualities, his faults seem neither so apparent nor so important as they formerly did.

If the actions of another have hurt me or upset me, I will bless him and release the situation into the Father's keeping. I will bless my own thoughts and refuse to let my reactions stand between me and complete and loving forgiveness.

Trusting in the Father, I realize that the actions of another cannot keep my good from me. My blessings are from God; and as I trust Him, my good comes to me irrevocably. I do not hold grudges or harbor thoughts of past mistakes, either my own or another's. I forgive those in my life who need the blessing of my forgiving love, and I forgive myself as well.

✿ *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*—MATT. 6:12.

# Monday

APRIL 18

GOD IS GIVING NEW DIRECTION AND PURPOSE  
TO MY LIFE.

I NEED never feel that the direction and purpose of my life cannot change. God is continually giving new direction and purpose to my life, if I only listen in the silence to Him, if I only open my heart and mind to His light and guidance.

"Every day is a fresh beginning; every morn is the world made new." I will look on every day of my life as a fresh beginning. I will look on this day, this very hour as a fresh beginning; I will look on my life today as new, on my world as a world made new.

What have I longed to accomplish? Today is the day to begin to do something toward the actual accomplishment of my heart's desire. Today is the day of a new beginning; today is the day to begin again.

God is giving new direction and purpose to my life. I open my heart and mind to His light and guidance.

*His compassions fail not.*

*They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.*

—LAM. 3:22, 23.

APRIL 19

## Tuesday

I HAVE MY BEING IN THE HEART OF GOD.  
I MEET EVERY EXPERIENCE WITH COURAGE.

I HAVE my being in the heart of God. I have constant access to the faith and love that inspire courage. I have no reason to fear, for I have the ability within me to meet life victoriously.

In prayer I realize my union with the creative life of God. In prayer I awaken to the greatness of my capacities for full and joyous living.

As I become ever more aware of what it means to have being in the heart of God, courage becomes my natural attitude toward life. I no longer draw back in fear or misgiving when there is something to meet, but I venture forth, knowing that I have the infinite power of God within me. I draw upon these inner powers in surmounting the challenges I meet.

I have my being in God, and I meet every experience with courage.

*I will put my laws into their mind,  
And on their heart also will I write them:  
And I will be to them a God,  
And they shall be to me a people.*

—HEB. 8:10.

## Wednesday

APRIL 20

"GOD IS LIFE; THAT LIFE SURROUNDS ME,  
IN THAT LIFE I SAFELY DWELL,  
'TIS ABOVE, BENEATH, WITHIN ME,  
LIFE IS MINE, AND ALL IS WELL."

THERE IS no condition beyond God's power to heal. In God's sight there is nothing impossible or incurable. This is the faith of Silent Unity. This is the faith in which we pray for all those in need of healing.

If you are praying for someone's healing, if you are praying for your own healing, meditate quietly on the thought that God is life and that you dwell in His life. Take the words of the affirmation for today into your heart and mind; make them part of your consciousness:

"God is life; that life surrounds me,  
In that life I safely dwell,  
'Tis above, beneath, within me,  
Life is mine, and all is well."

Affirm these words for the one you would help, saying, "God is life; that life surrounds you."

There is only life; there is only God.

✿ *Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And the servant was healed in that hour.—MATT. 8:13.*



APRIL 21

## Thursday

MY MIND IS STAYED ON GOD, AND GOOD  
FILLS MY EVERY THOUGHT.

I CREATE in my mind the habit of positive, powerful thinking. At first, it may be difficult; but as with any other habit, it grows easier the longer I do it. The old error thoughts may try to keep crowding in, but eventually they are banished for good.

Today I set a guard against the entrance of negation into my mind. I recognize error as the absence of good. If any negative thought whatsoever enters my mind, I immediately release it and replace it with a positive thought.

If a thought of disease comes to me, I banish it, giving my thought to divine health. I think of my body as patterned after God's pure and perfect life.

If a thought of lack comes, I replace it with the idea of God's abundance—abundance so great that it is actually inconceivable to my mind. I replace thoughts of inharmony with thoughts of harmony, thoughts of fear with faith, thoughts of sorrow with joy.

✿ *Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.*—II COR. 10:5.

## Friday

APRIL 22

ATTUNED TO GOD'S LOVING SPIRIT, I MAKE  
ADJUSTMENTS EASILY.

WORKING and living with other persons means that things may not always go the way we would choose, that the concepts and desires of others will need to be reckoned with.

However, when we keep attuned to God's loving Spirit within us we are able to make adjustments to persons and situations; we are able to live at peace with ourselves and with others.

To be willing to make adjustments rather than to persist in trying to change others to our way of thinking and living brings us an inner calm. We are able to think clearly and to choose our way through a difficult situation with wisdom and helpfulness.

We have a willingness of heart as we attune ourselves to God's loving Spirit within us. By affirming the presence and the action of this Spirit and allowing it to temper our attitudes and responses, we are able to make adjustments harmoniously and easily.

☛ *He that giveth heed unto the word shall find good.*  
—PROV. 16:20.

APRIL 23

## Saturday

I KEEP MY ATTENTION ON THE HARMONIZING SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN ALL PERSONALITIES.

I DO not allow myself to become disturbed by personalities. I remind myself that the harmonizing Spirit of Christ is within every individual, and can always adjust everything in a beautiful way.

No matter how many personalities are involved in some disturbing situation, if I keep my mind on the Christ in everyone concerned, His harmonizing Spirit will calm the minds and emotions of all, and a right and happy solution will be brought forth.

The Christ in everyone is mightier than any personality. As I keep my vision on the Christ in all, His Spirit keeps my consciousness and emotions lifted high above personal entanglements, hurts, and misunderstanding. As I keep my attention on the Christ in all, I will experience only His loving presence, and I will be guided at all times to do and to say only those things that will keep divine harmony reigning in all my human relations.

♣ *I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself.*—JOHN 12:32.

# Sunday

APRIL 24

I REJOICE THAT I AM A CHANNEL FOR THY SPIRIT, O LOVING FATHER-GOD.

DEAR FATHER-GOD, I would be a channel for Thy Spirit. Help me to cleanse my mind of every trace of prejudice, doubt, fear, or hesitation that may hinder Thy free-flowing Spirit. Let me welcome the waters of life, and as a joyful channel for Thy Spirit carry these waters into other lives that are dry and thirsty.

Through Thee I would identify myself with the very Spirit of life; I would become immersed in these healing, life-giving waters. I would, indeed, be a channel to pour forth Thy love and wisdom, Thy strength and plenty, Thy joy and peace wherever there is a need.

I need not question what it is I can give or where it is needed. I have only to let Thy Spirit flow in and through me. I have only to follow Thy divine guidance step by step, knowing that the pattern is with Thee and is being revealed to me as I stay close to Thee in prayer.

Joy wells up in my heart as I realize that I am a channel for Thy Spirit, O loving Father-God.

☛ *And he that is athirst let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.—REV. 22:17.*

APRIL 25

*Monday*

TODAY I EXPRESS THE LOVE AND PEACE OF  
GOD, AND I LIVE IN HARMONY WITH THOSE  
AROUND ME.

**T**HERE IS an old saying, "Silence is golden." When you remember that it always takes two to make a quarrel you can refrain from entering into inharmony by being silent. This may not seem especially easy, but practice makes perfect. If you refuse to be contentious, no quarrel can occur.

When you awaken in the morning reflect on the love, peace, and harmony of God. By making the climate of your mind loving, peaceful, and harmonious, quarrelsome thoughts cannot stay with you. Likewise, unkind words cannot be spoken when you practice thinking before you speak. To the degree that you bless and free others in your thoughts about them, to that degree will you establish yourself in peace.

When you make an effort to live in peace with others you will grow in knowledge and understanding of the infinite love of God.

✿ *Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.—II COR. 13:11.*

## Tuesday

APRIL 26

GOD'S OVERCOMING SPIRIT WITHIN ME SETS ME FREE.

**T**HERE IS an overcoming Spirit present in everyone, the Spirit of God Himself. But this Spirit must be allowed to do its overcoming work. It must be acknowledged and receive our co-operation.

As we learn to pray and are conscientious in our practice of prayer, we yield ourselves to the freeing power that is within us. We co-operate with God's overcoming Spirit. We cease to think of ourselves in terms of our needs and begin to think of ourselves in terms of the fulfilling power that is within us. We have a constructive approach to ourselves and our problems.

Through the power of God's overcoming Spirit within us we break through the old states of mind and emerge free and firmly established in the authority that God has given us over our thoughts, emotions, and habits.

Let us affirm: "I give thanks now that God's overcoming Spirit within me sets me free. I am no longer bound by old thoughts or old conditions."

✿ *For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.—II TIM. 1:7.*

APRIL 27

*Wednesday*

MY BODY TEMPLE EXPRESSES THE WHOLENESS  
AND PERFECTION OF GOD.

**I** BELIEVE and accept wholeheartedly the promise of Jesus, "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." I know that every part of my body temple can express wholeness and perfection. I know that I can have the health and perfection that belong to me as a child of God.

I turn aside from every appearance of imperfection and claim the health and strength that are my divine birthright. I am constant in my belief that every organ and cell of my body is filled with the healing life of God.

My belief in God's power, mighty in the midst of me, is strengthened through prayer. My thoughts are lifted up in prayer and become strong and life-filled. I cease to believe in imperfection.

Positive words are on my lips, and I radiate a spirit of health and wholeness. I feel God's transforming power vitalizing, renewing, and making perfect every part of my body.

✿ *Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*—MATT. 5:48.

# Thursday

APRIL 28

"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET  
AND LIGHT UNTO MY PATH."

**T**HY SPIRIT in me is guiding me to my perfect good.

I have no fear, for Thy love leads me safely through every experience that comes my way.

Thy protecting presence infolds me as a shepherd who holds a sheep in his arms. "I will fear no evil; for thou art with me."

Nothing but infinite good can come my way as I rest in Thee.

When decisions must be made Thy wisdom reveals to me the perfect solution.

When challenges arise Thou art my strength; through Thee I gain the victory.

I cannot fail to reach the heights toward which my heart is set, for Thou art showing me the way and giving me the wisdom and understanding I need.

I meet each day with confidence and faith, for I know that Thou art with me, a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
And light unto my path.*

—PSALMS 119:105.



APRIL 29

*Friday*

IN GOD THERE IS NO DEATH, NO LOSS, NO SEPARATION; THERE IS ONLY ETERNAL, UNENDING, INFINITE LIFE.

**I**N HUMAN experience things may occur that seem difficult to understand and hard to bear. Only our faith in God sees us through such experiences; only His Spirit within us gives us the peace we are seeking, the assurance we need, only His Spirit within us gives us the feeling that all is well.

In God there is no death, no loss, no separation; there is only eternal, unending, infinite life. His Spirit in us fills us with the understanding that is beyond knowledge, the faith that is beyond hope, the heavenly love that transcends earthly sorrow.

God's Spirit in us makes us to know that life has meaning and purpose beyond our mortal comprehension. God's Spirit in us brings us peace and comfort and radiates through us to bring peace and comfort to others.

*If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,  
And the light about me shall be night;  
Even the darkness hideth not from thee,  
But the night shineth as the day.*

—PSALMS 139:11, 12.

## Saturday

APRIL 30

I REJOICE THAT I AM GROWING IN SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING, THAT I AM PUTTING ON MORE OF THE CHRISTLIKENESS.

IT IS not necessary for anyone to live under the weight of guilt or self-condemnation. Even though we may wish we had known before what we know now, so that we could have acted differently, the important thing is that we have learned. It is the person we have become, the person growing ever closer to God's pattern—the Christ—that should be given attention, praised, and encouraged. The person that was is as the pod that encases the seed and drops away to release the life that is within; the life that germinates and grows and becomes something beautiful and useful.

While we will not want to call unconstructive action good, neither will we want to becloud the present with regret. We will work through prayer to step forth free from the past. We will rejoice in the self that has grown in understanding, the self that is alive and growing in beauty and usefulness.

✿ *Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*—JOHN 8:32.

*Announcing a New Unity Magazine!*

## **DAILY WORD IN SPANISH**

Unity is happy to announce that beginning with the March issue, **DAILY WORD** is being published in a Spanish edition called *La Palabra Diaria*.

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## *"The Word Spoken for Easter"*

"The olive trees that bordered the garden cast a deeper shade against the night sky. And the figure under them would not be perceived even by the negligent watchers before the door of the tomb. They had grown so weary of this useless watch that they hardly moved about or spoke any more.

"The man under the trees was not weary; he was paying the tribute of love."

Thus begins the unusual and beautiful Easter article called "The Word Spoken for Easter." Written by Zelia Walters, author of the well-known and popular Dr. Houston stories, this article appears in the April 10 issue of *Weekly Unity*.

"The Word Spoken for Easter" tells the story of a man who had come to ask a favor of Jesus, and found that He had been crucified. Nevertheless this man received a great blessing, not from Jesus the man, but from the risen Christ.

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## *God's Green Plant*

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

Green hallelujahs fill  
Valley and plain and hill;  
All earth wears green for life.  
The air is like a fife;  
The sun is like a shout,  
Calling the green life out.  
I feel life stir in me;  
I hear life's challenge, Be!  
The resurrection seed  
Is in me; I have need,  
Like a green plant, to press  
Toward greater livingness;  
To put forth branch and root,  
Till Christ shall be the fruit.

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